



## Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 12

**Meeting Date:** 11/13/2006

**Meeting Location:** Fayette County DCS

**Council Members Present:** Vickie Jones (Regional Director), Terry Suttle (Franklin County DCS), Jennifer Munden (Henry County DCS), Mary Willis (Henry County Judge), Gene Sanford (Union County DCS), Debbie VanMeter (Fayette County DCS), Jean Cates (Wayne County DCS), and Daniel Pflum (Fayette County Judge)

**Council Members Absent:** Matt Cox (Union County Judge)

**Others In Attendance:** Carl Scheib (Provider), Mark Munchel (Fayette County DCS), Mike Fleming (Henry County DCS), Scott Noel (Provider), Darla Randall (Provider), and Kelly Cruse (Provider), Maureen Santillo (JACY House).

### Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 15:00

1. Carl Scheib updated the committee on "Community Partners for Child Safety Program". Carl stated that they are in the hiring process for three positions for the Independent living program. Carl handed out a flyer. He has a meeting with Bill Ammerman and his staff on Thursday. They are working out the referral process. They are looking at implementing this program to Fayette County around Thanksgiving. They are still in need of "good" applicants. Vickie has suggested getting applicants from the State list, if not hired to refer them over to Carl. Carl stated he would like at least two by the first of the year and then a third after the January 2007. Carl stated that they would accept applicants who are still working towards their bachelor degree if they have some experience.
2. Development of Regional Plan was discussed. This is not optional. A handout was provided. It was mentioned that this year's funds will roll over. Jean Cates suggested that an Earlham student be sought out to assist in plan development. Vickie would like to see the plan completed by April of 2007. Vickie would take volunteers to assist.
3. IV-B contracts, Services started in July 2006. All of the contacts have been signed and are through the process. Zero dollar for everything at this time, but will bring to future meetings. It was presented that Meridian is not accepting new referrals for home based. They will take referrals for their intense program, but they only have one worker for the region and she only services two to three families. She is currently full. Lifeline only has one therapist and they are full. It was agreed that they need to schedule a meeting with Hank Mills (Head of Meridian); Meridian has had the IV-B contract for one year and they have not followed through. It was decided that the group needed to consider opening back up and to cancel the current contract with Meridian. Terry Suttle made a motion to cancel the current IV-B contact with Meridian and

Judge Willis seconded this motion. All votes agreed. They agreed that they would provide the group a list of providers.

4. Vickie provided an update on the Substance Abuse committee. They have developed standards for drug testing. Terry mentioned a group that can provide 24 hour results for a saliva swab. They do several different panels. The test is cheaper than the current testing implemented. They do overnight priority mail and this is included in their cost for the test. They talked about inviting a speaker to the regional counsel committee. There has not been any further progress made on inpatient care. Richmond State Hospital is the proposed provider. There is not going to be a meeting for the substance abuse committee in December.

6. Vickie spoke about practice reform. Region 12 is in the 5<sup>th</sup> wave and should have this process implemented by October 2007. Region 12 has been approved for 12 new employees that begin in training today. Vickie also talked about the Mentor Program. They borrowed this model from Kentucky. There will be training offered for the Mentors. The mentors assigned in each county will be working with the new workers one on one. The new workers will be with the mentor for three weeks following their nine weeks of training.

7. Jean Cates presented a proposal to spend out of her Family and Children fund for Dr. Linda Ronald \$75.00/\$65.00 for child centered evaluation. She also proposed DMH for diagnostic evaluation for the parent (clients already engaged in DMH services) not to exceed \$15,000. Finally it was proposed to go through AADT for drug screens, not to exceed \$2,000. Gene Sanford made a motion to accept the proposals presented by Jean Cates. Judge Pflum seconded the motion. There were not any objections.

8. Mike Fleming proposed to spend money for homemaker services through the New Castle school corp. Gene Sanford made a motion to accept and Debbie VanMeter seconded the motion.

7. Other issues and/or concerns: The December meeting is cancelled. The counsel will reconvene on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Andrea Smith (Foster parent rep) has to resign from the committee. Terry Suttle and Mike Fleming had some thoughts and will get back with the committee on these considerations. Jean Cates provided some handouts for Early Intervention Fund and Child Welfare Services Accounts. Jean was wanting to fund all of the scores 75 and above for the full amount. See handouts for details. Terry Suttle made a motion to accept and Jennifer Munden seconded the motion. All accepted.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 @ 15:00

**Meeting Adjourned at:** Approximately 16:30